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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW PRIORITY

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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT:ANTIDUMPING ACTION RE POLISH GOLF CARS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIES DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, ARMITAGE AND SUCHMAN MET WITH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI FEBRUARY 7, WITHOUT WERNER OR OTHER POLISH OFFICIALS PRESENT, TO DISCUSS GOLF CAR ANTIDUMPING CASE.

2. SUCHMAN AND ARMITAGE OUTLINED STATUS OF CASE TO TRAMP-
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CZYNSKI. THEY STRESSED THAT TREASURY MUST NOW MOVE AHEAD TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATIONS AND ASSESS ANTIDUMPING DUTIES FOR GOLF CARS ENTERED IN 1975 AND 1976. THEY SAID THAT FURTHER DELAYS COULD NOT RESULT IN BENEFIT TO POLISH SIDE, AND THAT A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF TREASURY'S FINDINGS WOULD BE SENT WITHIN FEW DAYS TO EMBASSY WARSAW WITH REQUEST

THAT IT BE CONVEYED BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES TO APPROPRIATE
GOP OFFICIALS.

3. AS HE HAD ON EARLIER OCCASIONS, TRAMPCZYNSKI EXPRESSED
SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT ADVERSE IMPACT CASE CONTINUING TO
HAVE ON SENIOR LEVELS OF GOP. HE SAID HE WAS CERTAIN CASE

WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED ONCE AGAIN AT HIGH LEVEL IN GOP.
HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE WELL FOR AMBASSADOR DAVIES TO
MAKE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF TREASURY FINDINGS, AND
SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY WITH DEPUTY
PREMIER OLSZEWSKI. TRAMPCZYNSKI ALSO INDICATED HE WAS
QUITE CERTAIN THAT ISSUE WAS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO GOP
THAT POLISH AUTHORITIES MIGHT WELL WANT TO MAKE ONE LAST
EFFORT TO CONSULT ON IT IN WASHINGTON. HE NOTED THAT
MFT DEPUTY MINISTER PRUCHNIEWICZ HAD BEEN ANXIOUS TO HAVE
FURTHER TALKS ON THE MATTER.

4. WE EXPECT TO CABLE TO YOU WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF TREASURY'S FINDINGS AND ASSESSMENT OF
POSSIBLE FUTURE ALTERNATIVES FOR POLES, ALL OF WHICH
SUCHMAN ORALLY SUMMARIZED FOR TRAMPCZYNSKI ON FEBRUARY 7.
AS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON, WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONVEY
THIS TO GOP AND STRESS TO POLISH AUTHORITIES THAT USG
HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT WITHIN LIMITS OF LAW OVER THE PAST
THIRTY-TWO MONTHS THAT THIS CASE HAS BEEN UNDER REVIEW
TO BE FLEXIBLE AND TO BE RESPONSIVE TO POLISH VIEWS.

5. TRAMPCZYNSKI MORE OR LESS AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO PREPARE
THE WAY FOR YOUR APPROACH WHILE HE IS IN WARSAW ON CONSUL-
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TATIONS FEBRUARY 11 TO ABOUT FEBRUARY 24. PERHAPS BEST
POSSIBLE APPROACH WOULD BE FOR HIM TO BE PRESENT DURING
SUGGESTED MEETING WITH DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI, WHO, AS
EMBASSY AWARE, RECENTLY WROTE TO THEN-SECRETARY SIMON
ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

6. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE GOP THAT TIME HAS
FINALLY COME TO CONCLUDE DISCUSSION OF GOLF CAR CASE AND
ACCEPT TREASURY'S FINDINGS, USING HARD-WON KNOWLEDGE
GAINED DURING PAST MONTHS TO AVOID REOCCURANCE OF ANTI-
DUMPING CHARGES IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, IF POLES SHOULD
WANT TO SEND PRUCHNIEWICZ OR OTHERS FOR ONE FINAL CONSUL-
TATION EFFORT HERE, WE WOULD OF COURSE AGREE TO MEET WITH
THEM.
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